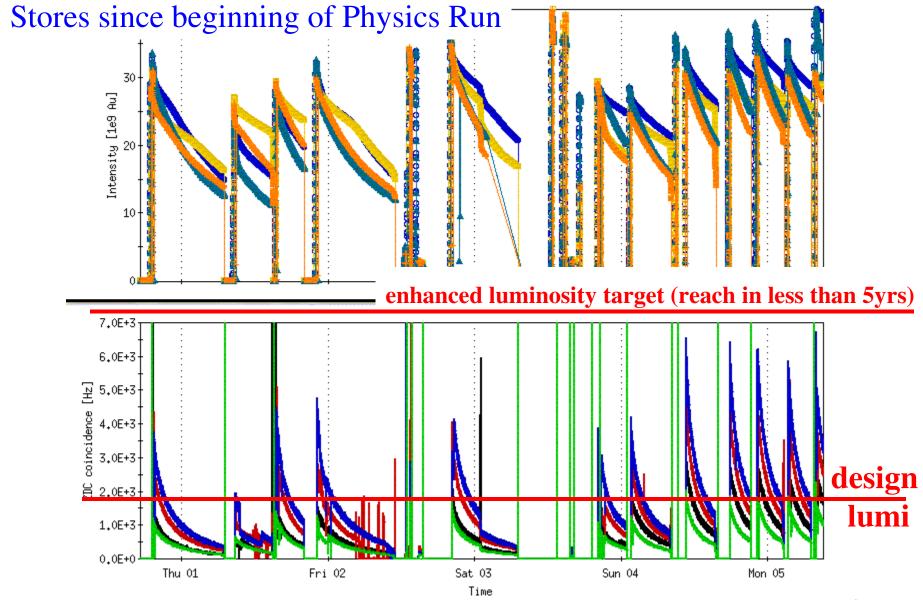
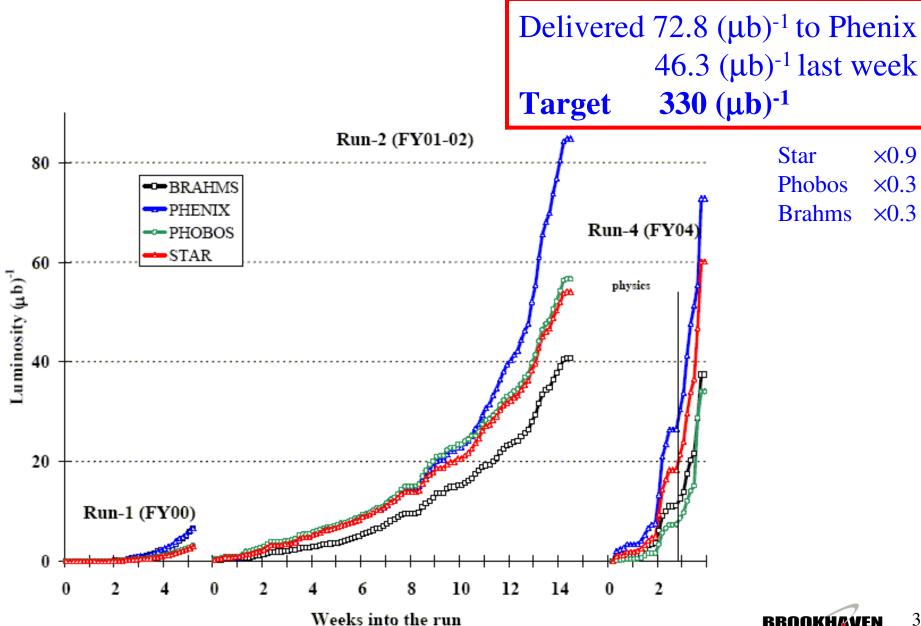
Progress during last week:

Physics Run started on 31 December 2003 (1 week earlier than planned)

- 1. Storage RF operational (3 cavities/ring)
 - → Was requirement to start Physics Run
- 2. Automatic steering in operation (Angelika, Ted, ...)
 - → Currently 1 IP at a time (multiple IPs soon), total steering time ~10min
- 3. Automatic store stone orbit correction (Vadim)
 - → More reproducible store orbits
- 4. Automatic collimation in operation (Angelika, Wenge, ...)
 - → Background reduction for experiments

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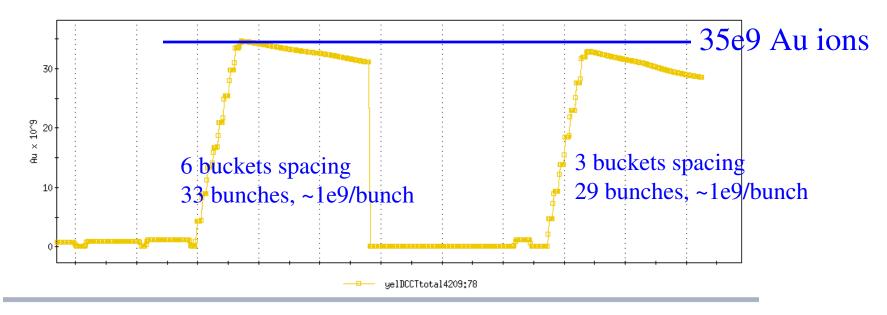
Strategy for luminosity increase:

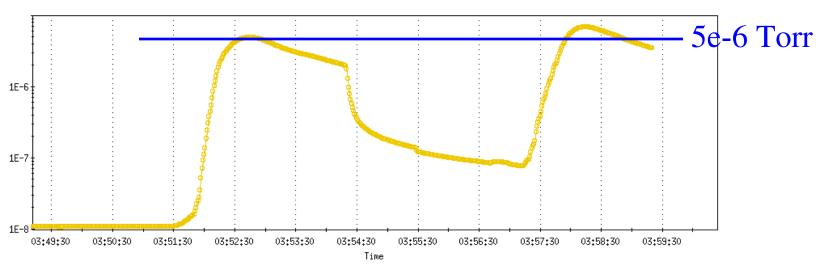
1. Parameters within existing machine limits

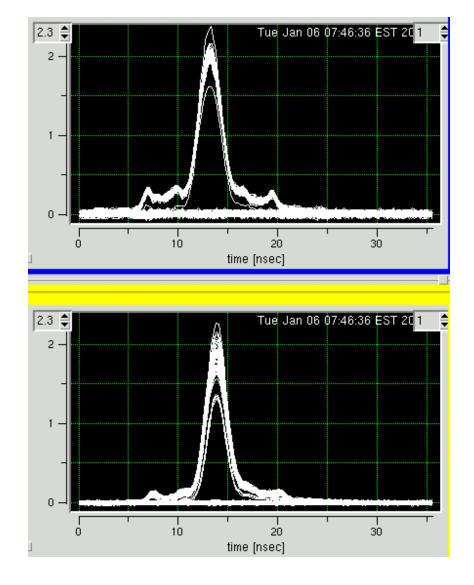
- Bunch intensity, bunch number, other (changed collision pattern today: 56 collisions per turn for Phenix/Brahms, 52 for Star/Phobos)
- Time scale: stores or days

2. Increase or remove of machine limits

- Yellow: vacuum in IR4
 - → Baking, start 1/13/04 3pm, beam restart 8am next day?
 - \rightarrow May yield extra 15 (µb)-1/week
- Blue: bunch intensity, IBS, instabilities, vacuum in IR8
 - → more storage rf, Landau cavities, Booster merge, streamlined injection process
- Time scale: weeks or months







Blue beam:

- 30% more intensity
- 3-10 min longer at injection
- → IBS enlarges longitudinal emittance
- → Rebucketing less perfect